

# May fill quarries with Metro refuse

Indusmin Quarries on the Third Line of Esquesing, south of Acton is the site referred to in a report in a Toronto daily Friday announcing that Canadian National Railways has offered to haul a quarter of Metro Toronto's refuse (400,000 tons a year for \$4.50 a ton to a site near Acton, the Free Press learned this week.

Contacted by the Free Press, Indusmin spokesman George Armstrong would say only that the proposal is just in the discussion stage and that it would be premature for him to comment further at this time.

According to the Toronto daily report, Metro refuse would be shredded, then compressed into bales before being loaded onto rail cars for the trip to Acton. The process would cost an extra \$4.35, but would render the garbage into "the most innocuous and unobjectionable form of refuse that can be economically achieved," the report said.

The report went on to say that solid waste would be fed by conveyor belts into a shredding machine at two plants adjacent to rail lines in Toronto. It would then be put into a compacting-baling machine. The bales would weigh 3000 pounds each and would be loaded by trucks onto specially-designed covered rail cars for shipment.

## Cite advantages

Advantages of the shredding and baling system, which is in use in some parts of the U.S. are that it involves no burning and can deal with such bulky non-perishables as refrigerators, furniture and car tires.

Esquesing township Reeve Tom Hill said his council will approach the waste management branch of the Department of the Environment immediately with an armful of questions, as soon as he learned of the proposal.

"We might not be able to stop it, but I don't think we're going to be in favor of it," he said. "There are a lot of ef-

fects to be checked out and one of them is possible damage to the water table."

He recalled a majority of council opposed a proposal last year which would have approved use of a worked-out quarry at Milton Brick for a waste disposal site for the town of Milton.

## Makes suggestion

Reeve Hill had a further suggestion for the provincial government.

"If Metro is in such a state that they have to do something about their garbage, the government should put some kind of a halt on their expansion," he said. "There's no other place in the province I know of that's expected to take other people's garbage."

Halton M.P. Rud Whiting said he knew nothing about the CN proposal, but promised to investigate it immediately through the federal government's Department of Transport. In a telephone conversation with the Free Press, he suggested filling up worked-out pits may be part of the

quarry's rehabilitation program. However, he agreed with Reeve Hill that a lot of environmental questions would have to be answered first.

Esqueasing clerk-treasurer Delmar French said no mention of the CN proposal was made at a waste disposal seminar held at Queen's Park Thursday night. Mr. French represented Esquesing at the seminar along with Councillor Wilfrid Lealle and roads superintendent C.E. "Bud" Snow.

The Toronto daily report also said Metro Executive Committee has asked Canadian Pacific Railways to submit a proposal for hauling the garbage, but that a CP rail spokesman had declined comment on its bid until Metro officials decided to release it.

In 1970 a Toronto-based firm proposed to construct an incinerator-type industrial waste disposal plant on the Rognvaldson farm south of town, but it was unable to get approval of Esquesing planning board.



ACTON FIRE Chief Mick Holmes examines charred contents of a garage at the home of Roy McFadden on Orville Rd., following an alarm shortly before midnight last Wednesday night. Cause of the fire was undetermined until Friday Acton OPP arrested a local man Gordon Adamson, who later confessed he started the fire. (Photo by D. Gibbons)

## Dragway sold subdivision planned?

Toronto International Dragway property on the Fifth line east of Acton has been sold to a group of Georgetown area men who may turn the land into an estate subdivision, the Free Press has learned from a reliable source.

It is believed the group will apply for an amendment to the township's zoning by-law, once it and the township's long-awaited official plan are in force.

Esqueasing Council announced this week they have received word from the Department of Municipal Affairs that the plan should be back in the township offices any day now.

The dragway opened its gates in the spring of 1970 following a series of efforts by residents of the area to stop it.

## County supports majority view

Halton County Council went on record Wednesday as supporting the majority view of the Halton Municipal Councillors Conference of Sept. 9. At that conference a plan calling for a two tier, three borough system was favored with Milton being the lone dissenter.

The three boroughs as outlined at the Sept. 9 meeting would lump the five northern municipalities in one borough. The second and

third boroughs would be made up of Burlington and Oakville. Milton argued at the Sept. 9 meeting that Milton's boundaries should be extended and the county town should form a fourth borough in central Halton. Milton has stood by that stand and will submit its own brief to the provincial government to be considered when the brief agreed to by the other six municipalities is considered.

In the resolution passed by county council Wednesday, the county asked the province to provide a financial study showing the impact of any form of regional government on the county and its existing municipalities with regard to capital and current budgets, mill rates, etc.

Meanwhile the county's TECO committee will undertake an independent financial study. Milton Reeve Ron Harris said Milton does dissent on the issue and wanted it recorded that Milton objected to the resolution. "It is more logical to have four boroughs than three and it is my feeling and that of my council that the proposed boundaries to the north of Milton come too far south," Harris said.

"It is my feeling the boundaries proposed by Milton are too far north," Nassagaweya Reeve Mrs. A. MacArthur quipped, drawing a round of laughter from her colleagues and ending the brief discussion on the subject.

## Pay raise for pollers

Personnel manning the polls at Acton's municipal election this December can expect higher remuneration than they received the last time.

Acton Council decided on new rates of pay at their meeting last night (Tuesday). Deputy returning officers will receive \$35, and poll clerks \$25. The town will pay \$25 for rental of a poll. Reeve Frank Oakes explained that wages paid at the last municipal election in 1970 weren't in keeping with minimum wage laws in the province.

Clerk-administrator Joe Hurst reported he will need extra personnel for the December election, but said he has plenty of applications on file, as well as several experienced workers to call on.

## Strike still on at Ajax plant

Picketing of the Ajax Engineers Ltd. plant by 20 employees, all members of United Steelworkers Local 7515 continues, as a strike against the company reached its fourth day today (Wednesday). Employees began the strike Friday morning. Local 7515 president Doug Vickery told the Free Press this week differences between the union and management are strictly monetary. He said the union membership has rejected a seven percent wage increase offer made by the company.

Hourly rates at the plant under the old contract, which expired July 1 dropped from \$2.74 for laborers up to \$3.36 for the top job classification. Classifications include welders, machine operators, forklift operators, truck drivers and laborers.

Vickery said union and management representatives began negotiating towards a new contract in the latter part of May. He said there have been six meetings plus one with the Conciliation Board in Toronto. He said the union was legally entitled to strike as early as two weeks ago.

United Steelworkers representative Jim Pudge arrived in Acton Monday to advise on strike procedure.

Although company officials could not be reached for comment, Vickery said he expects a meeting may be arranged for today (Wednesday). Union financial secretary Clayton "Dude" Lindsay represents the union on the negotiating committee along with president Vickery.

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## Police nab fire bug town residents relax

Fear of possible disaster filled many townspeople with dread last week, after police and firefighters realized three fires in two nights had been deliberately set. However, while plans for constant patrols were being made, an Acton man, Gordon Adamson of 114 Longfield Rd., was apprehended by police and charged with arson and attempted arson.

Adamson appeared in court in Milton Monday and was remanded in custody for another week. The description of the 22-year-old man was given to police by a citizen, whose contribution to the solving of the case has been praised by the local detachment.

Thursday alarm The first fire was last Wednesday night in a garage at the home of Roy McFadden, Orville Rd. Various articles in the garage were aflame. The firefighters, not suspicious of anything unusual at this stage, soon had the fire out.

Wakened by dog The next night, Jack Pope of Poplar Ave. called police at 1 a.m. to report attempted arson. The possibility of disaster was apparent here. Someone had poured gasoline at both the front and back doors of the frame house and inside the front vestibule. The family dog woke up the Papes and apparently frightened off the arsonist.

While police were at the Pope home investigating, the fire alarm sounded ominously again and just two blocks away gasoline had been successfully set in flame.

Porch ablaze The man had poured gasoline this time on the front porch of the home of Mrs. Ann Mowat and son John, Frederick St. The alarm was turned in by a neighbor, Gordon Currie, who heard a noise and saw the swoosh of flames. John Mowat hastily began to douse the fire with garden hose and firefighters finished the job.

Now thoroughly alarmed, police immediately called in extra officers from the North Halton detachment. Firefighters and volunteers also began a grim search through town, without finding anything suspicious.

The investigation continued throughout the night and all the next day until, thanks to information received, an arrest was made at 4 p.m. Friday afternoon.

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PICKETERS parade past the Ajax Engineers plant Friday after 20 employees, all members of United Steelworkers Local 7515 went on strike. Carrying signs 1 to r. are, John Horney and Ray Stull. Union membership has rejected a company offer of a 7 per cent wage increase. (Photo by D. Gibbons)

Acton IGA store owner Dave Manes issued a warning to thieves who stole a freezer full of re-frozen ice cream which had been piled in a freezer at the back of the store to firm up before it was taken to the dump.

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VOLKSWAGEN in which two Acton area youths Glenn Taillefer and Seth Armstrong lost their lives Friday night was a complete wreck. The car collided with a west bound Grey Coach Lines bus. (Photo by D. Gibbons)

## Two youths lose lives in car-bus collision

Tragedy again saddened this community Friday night when two young men lost their lives in a car accident. Seth Armstrong, 18, and Glenn Taillefer, 19, were riding in a Volkswagen when it was in collision with the Toronto-Guelph bus about 11:30 p.m.

Glenn Taillefer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Taillefer, Crews Corners, died before reaching hospital.

Seth Armstrong, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Armstrong, R.R. 4, was taken to Toronto General Hospital from Guelph, and died there about 4:30 a.m. He had just begun studies at the University of Waterloo after completing Acton high school.

Both young men were players in the Legion and Tri-County hockey leagues.

Passenger escapes A passenger in the car, Bill Fabian, Churchill Rd. S., went to Guelph General Hospital with a passing motorist and was treated there for minor back injuries.

Seth Armstrong's Volkswagen was rounding the corner at Toth

Motors when it went out of control and into a spin, striking the left front of the bus, according to police.

There were 11 passengers in the Grey Coach bus with the driver. One passenger was thrown from the seat but none were injured. The bus was delayed awaiting a supervisor and a mechanic to repair the headlights. A student nurse on the bus assisted at the scene.

Damage to the bus was \$175 and the 1963 Volkswagen was a total loss.

Funeral service for Seth Warden Armstrong was held at his home on Tuesday afternoon, conducted by the Rev. A. H. McKenzie and assisted by Father Cahill of Buffalo, a family friend.

Interment was in Fairview cemetery. Pallbearers were Ken Waites, Barry Cooper, Andy Miller, Stephen Manery, Bill Fields and Brian Wilkinson.

Glenn is survived by his parents, Patricia and Lawrence Taillefer of R.R. 1, a sister Susan (Mrs. Robie Townsend) R.R. 1, Acton; brother Gary, Acton, and grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Jack Aldrie, Crews Corners and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Taillefer, Cornwall.

Several fatal accidents have shocked the community the past summer.

## Council concerned about CN proposal

In spite of Reeve Frank Oakes' stand that he can't take the story too seriously, most members of Acton Council have expressed concern and curiosity about Canadian National Railways offer to transport Metro Toronto refuse to a site near Acton, which the Free Press believes to be Indusmin Quarries.

Councillor Earl Masales was first to suggest council try and keep on top of the situation. Councillor Peter Marks suggested council have all statements that have been made in the press validated. "People could get scared," he

said. "Council should contact Rod Whiting and get an official press release from the corporation."

Councillor Orval Chapman added his concern, saying the town is just getting rid of one big smell right now and they wouldn't like another one.

Reeve Oakes' assessment of the report was that CN was probably asked to submit a price to carry garbage "x" number of miles and that Acton just happened to be that distance away.

"When they use the word Acton, it could mean in the

vicinity of Acton," he suggested. Councillor Norm Elliott had a different view.

"It must be a definite proposal or it wouldn't have been released to the press at all," he said.

Elliott said an earlier comment made by Mayor Les Doby that the only thing he wanted to see coming into Acton by rail is a GO-train, is quite valid.

Most councillors reported receiving calls from concerned ratepayers, since the story was published last Friday.

Clerk-administrator Joe Hurst is to contact the necessary people for further information.